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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: PFOR, LE, JO, SY, XF

SUBJECT: RECENT TALKS WITH THE KING ON THE LEBANESE  
SITUATION

REF: (A) AMMAN 3962, (B) AMMAN 3963, (C) AMMAN 3964,  
(D) AMMAN 3965, (E) AMMAN 3968

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO KING HUSSEIN MY APPRECIATION FOR THE  
DETAILED ACCOUNTS HE HAS GIVEN US OF HIS EXCHANGES WITH  
THE SYRIANS ON THE LEBANESE SITUATION AND SOVIET ACTIVI-  
TIES, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR HIS ACCOUNTS OF HIS TALKS  
WITH ASAD. I HAVE ALSO FOUND INTERESTING AND ILLUMINATING  
THE KING'S OWN COMMENTS. THE MESSAGES FROM HIS MAJESTY  
HAVE BEEN OF GREAT VALUE TO US IN MAKING OUR OWN ASSESS-  
MENTS.

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2. AS THE KING MAY KNOW, WE CALLED AMBASSADOR MURPHY BACK

FOR CONSULTATION DURING THE PAST WEEK, AND WENT OVER WITH HIM THOROUGHLY THE PROBLEMS ABOUT WHICH WE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY OUR JORDANIAN FRIENDS. JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM DAMASCUS, MURPHY HAD HAD A GOOD TALK WITH KHADDAM ABOUT CURRENT SOVIET POSTURE, WHICH ESSENTIALLY COVERED GROUND WITH WHICH WE WERE FAMILIAR AS A RESULT OF WHAT HIS MAJESTY HAD ALREADY TOLD US.

3. MURPHY HAS NOW RETURNED TO DAMASCUS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH HIS MAJESTY WHEN WE HAVE HAD MURPHY'S REPORT OF HIS FOLLOW-ON TALKS IN DAMASCUS. MEANWHILE, AS KING HUSSEIN KNOWS, I WILL BE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR PICKERING IN TEHRAN AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THERE ANY THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS HIS MAJESTY MAY WANT TO CONVEY. HABIB

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